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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, the Examiner states that a persistent store is not temporary, volatile memory, but instead a physical, non-volatile hard drive or the like. To clarify, Applicants note that there are many types of implementations of a persistent store beyond a hard drive or the like. For example, any type of persistent storage may be used, including persistent semiconductor memory or even volatile memory that includes additional means to persist the data.

The Examiner also states that the persistent state of the process on the persistent store is understood to be the state of the leases which may or may not have been expired (along with any other pertinent attribute or miscellaneous data). Applicants do not intend the "state of the process" recited in the independent claims to be limited in the manner assumed by the Examiner. For example, Applicants note that claim 1 does not recite that the state of the process includes the state of the leases which may or may not have been

expired (along with any other pertinent attribute or miscellaneous data), and thus should not be so limited.

Respectfully submitted,

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